ter the field to wh. your kindness and partiality had invited me. After much mature deliberation and fervent prayer to Almighty God to direct me in the path of duty and usefulness, I am obliged to say to you that I entirely acquiesce in the opinion of these Rev. Gentlemen. This negative decision was formed on the second day after the reception of your letter. But my interest in the prosperity of your cause induced me, in accordance with the suggestion of the gentlemen to whom I have just alluded, to send to a young man, whom they as well as myself thought admirably fitted for an agent of your Soc. to ascertain whether he would accept and enter immediately upon the discharge of the duties of this agency, provided you should think best, on the reception of my letter, to appoint him. I have just received an answer from him, in wh. he says that his engagements, for the ensuing year, would not permit him to accept such an offer, if it should be made. I regret to say, that it is out of our power, at present, to furnish you with a suitable man for your agent.

If we can in any other way advance the interests of your Soc. or of the great cause of African Col. we should be happy to have future communications with you on this point. Especially should we be happy to receive a more full developement of the plan and success of your operations. Yrs. Abijah R. Baker.

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II. Correspondence Received
A. Letter Books

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